

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.(b) Following pay scales have been granted to the Accounts staff of Railways as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission.

(i) Accounts Clerk	Rs. 3050-4590 (pre-revised Rs.950- 1500)
(ii) Junior Accounts Assistant	Rs.4000-6000; (pre-revised Rs.1200- 2040)
(iii) Accounts Assistant/Stock Verifier	Rs.5000-8000 (pre-revised Rs.1400- 2600)
(iv) Section Officer (Accounts)/ Sr. Stock Verifier	Rs. 5500-9000 (pre-revised Rs. 1640-2900)
(v) Senior Section Officer (Accounts)	Rs. 6500-10500 (pre-revised Rs.2000- 3200)

**New trains on Vizag-Mumbai and Vizag-Bangalore routes**

3539. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of public demand, Government propose to introduce new trains on Vizag-Mumbai and Vizag-Bangalore routes; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Frequency of 8563/8564 Visakhapatnam-Bangalore Express has been increased from 4 days a week to daily with effect from 02.07.2000. However, at present there is no proposal to introduce new trains on the Visakhapatnam-Mumbai and Visakhapatnam-Bangalore sectors.

**Danapur-Howrah passenger train**

†3540. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Danapur-Howrah fast passenger train is not being run from Danapur since last one year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government are considering to run the Danapur-Howrah fast passenger train again from Danapur in view of the inconvenience being faced in travelling between Danapur and Mokama Railway stations;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The run of 211/212 Howrah-Danapur Fast Passenger was cancelled between Mokama and Danapur from October 1999 for providing additional Engineering Time Allowance to facilitate track maintenance on the Danapur Division.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Due to line capacity constraints on Patna-Mokama section in the morning hours.

#### **Development of Railway network in Karnataka**

3541. **SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has given clearance for floating Karnataka Railway Transport Development Corporation for expanding and developing the Railway network in Karnataka, from its own sources;

(b) if so, the details of implications of ownership lines on which trains would be run; and

(c) the investments proposed to be made by the Railways on the State Government owned corporation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH):** (a) to (c) The Ministry of Railways and the Government of Karnataka are discussing the terms of a MoU to form a joint venture company named "Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnataka) Limited".

As per the terms of the proposed MoU, the Ministry of Railways shall own the assets created through funds jointly provided by the Ministry of